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Air War College – The Air War College nonresident program is soliciting eligible officers and federal employees for its seminar program. Interested people should enroll online at <http://www.au.af.mil/au.awc/awc-ns.htm>. For more information, contact the education office at 449-0920.

HeartLink – New Air Force spouses are invited to participate in the next HeartLink workshop July 22 from 7:15 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Family Support Center. Childcare is available and lunch is free. Call 449-0300 to register.

American Red Cross – A three-day CPR/First Aid course will be conducted Tuesday through Thursday from 5:30 to 9 p.m. and a one-day class will be held July 30 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The cost is \$39 and pre-registration is required. To sign up or for more information, call 449-0166 or stop by building 1105.

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Welcome home

Sky Warriors receive warm aloha after deployment

By Tech. Sgt. Andrew Leonhard
15th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Hugs, smiles, and tears of joy were in order Sunday when a Hickam security squad returned home.

For more than eight months families, friends and the 15th Security Forces Squadron have been looking forward to the day when the 13-member squad would complete their mission at Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq.

"Some people still do not think this war on terror is needed, I'd like to point out the events that took place in London last week as a reminder," said 15th Airlift Wing Commander Col. Bill "Goose" Changose. "Your

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Photos by Angela Elbern

15th Security Forces Squadron members welcome home their comrades Sunday at base operations. Thirteen 15th SFS members returned after an eight-

month deployment. The returning troops were greeted by more than 100 people when they arrived at Hickam.

"Team PACAF" receives national award for legal assistance efforts

By 1st Lt. Renee Lee
Pacific Air Forces
Public Affairs

A committee designed to increase the legal readiness of Pacific Air Forces Airmen preparing for deployment called Team PACAF was nationally recognized by the American Bar Association, earning the Legal Assistance for Military Personnel 2004 Distinguished Service Award at the annual ABA conference here July 7.

The LAMP award recognizes those who display exceptional achievements and service in support of military legal assistance, exceeding the performance of routine duties to provide legal assistance service during a specified period, according to retired Navy Rear Adm. John Jenkins, chair, standing committee on LAMP.

The award honors Team PACAF, made up of Headquarters PACAF, 15th Airlift Wing, 354th Fighter Wing, Eielson Air Force



Photo by Angela Elbern

General Paul Hester, Pacific Air Forces commander, speaks at the American Bar Association Conference July 7 here, after accepting the Distinguished Service Award 2004 along with representatives from PACAF and 15th Airlift Wing Legal offices.

Base, Alaska, and 154th Wing, Hawaii Air National Guard. Team PACAF launched PACAF's Legal Readiness Program in 2004, in response to a lack of legal readiness across the

command.

In 2002, then PACAF commander, (now retired) Gen. William Begert, grew concerned over the issue. Many PACAF Airmen were not legally ready; some

died without having a will or the full amount of life insurance, leaving behind legal disarray among their family members.

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Operation Air Force takes over Hickam

By Christina Failma
15th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

What exactly is Operation Air Force? Initially it sounds like a mission suitable for the movies. In actuality, it is a summer program where the Air Force invites cadets from the Air Force Academy, located in Colorado Springs, Colo., to see what the "real" Air Force is like by allowing them to shadow various officers.

This program, divided into three, three-week sessions, provides 60 cadets the opportunity to gain first-hand experience in their job-related fields. According to Capt. Brad Dickerson, officer in charge for Hickam's Operation Air Force, "This will give them a chance to decide what they really want to do when they get out of school."

Cadet Second Class Andrew Vasquez agreed that this trip has been beneficial in that he was able to "pick up helpful tips for my future in the Air Force." Not to mention this experience gave him ample opportunity to enrich himself with the various cultures Hawaii has to offer as well as the ability to network with new people.

These cadets, however, are not in Hawaii for a free vacation. They can be seen

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Hickam Airmen reach out to Oahu youth

By Staff Sgt. Jillian Harris
352nd Information Operations Squadron

Junior Achievement of Hawaii recognized the outstanding volunteer efforts of 25 members from the 352nd Information Operations Squadron recently.

Since 2003, members of the 352nd IOS have volunteered in 33 classrooms and dedicated 165 hours to stu-

dents at Nimitz Elementary, Alvah A. Scott Elementary, Barber's Point Elementary, Iroquois Point Elementary and Kapolei Elementary.

Squadron members ranging from the ranks of Airman to staff sergeant volunteered to teach class from grades kindergarten to 12 and would present lesson plans that coincided with the grade level they chose to work with.

The volunteers worked with their

respective teachers and set up a schedule on when to present lessons on topics such as: families, communities, cities, and nation. Each lesson plan contained five lessons and lasted 45 to 60 minutes.

Junior Achievement was established more than 85 years ago and in 1957 the JA of Hawaii was founded.

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Let us remember why we wear the uniform

By Col. Bill “Goose” Changose
15th Airlift Wing commander

The world was once again jolted by the consequences of terrorism last week when London was the scene of multiple explosions that have killed more than 50 and injured more than 700.

As we put on our uniform each day it should stand as a reminder of the solemn commitment we’ve made by serving this great country. And that this is not just a war that America fights, but a war the free world fights.

We must remember that fear is the primary objective of terrorist attacks. Violence is merely a means-we can't let them win.

When terrorists attack, we should not view them merely as criminals but as evil doers who are attempting to threaten the very existence of democracy and freedom. To borrow a phrase from President Bush, we should not try to “bring them to justice,” we should “bring justice to them.”

At this very moment we have Team Hickam “Lewa Na Koa” - Sky Warriors - in Iraq and Afghanistan, who are instrumental in bringing justice to the bad guys. Thirteen of them, members of the 15th Security Forces Squadron, returned from Iraq Sunday after an eight-month deployment to Abu Ghraib prison. It was the first time an Air Force squad performed such duties, and their conduct was spectacular. I had the pleasure to shake each of their hands and share with them how proud all of Team Hickam was of their service and sacrifices. Read more about their return on Page A1.

Monday afternoon I had the chance to train with the 15th Civil Engineer Squadron's fire fighters and witnessed firsthand how they fight aircraft fires. They are dedicated, very skilled, professionals. It's great to

know that if something were to ever happen we have the best trained personnel ready to respond. Find out how they train and see some great pictures on Page B1

Monday and Tuesday night, we hosted a town hall meeting for all base housing residents so we could talk about some of the on-going issues with the neighborhood watch program and our progress with housing privatization. I'd like to thank the **15th Security Forces Squadron, 15th Services Squadron, the Base Housing Office, Hickam Community Housing, and the Staff Judge Advocate's office** for facilitating the meetings.

I want to welcome a few new faces to Hickam as the transition season for new leadership across the base continues. The 15th Contracting Squadron is now under the leadership of **Lt. Col. Hans Augustus**, and the Comptroller Squadron is now commanded by **Lt. Col. Antonio Douglas**. **Lt. Col. Daniel Wuchenich** took command of the 15th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron and not new to Hickam, but now leading the newly activated 15th Maintenance Squadron, is **Maj. Jonathan Bradley**. Welcome aboard!

Congrats goes out to **Chief Master Sgt. Bart Richardson**, 715th Air Mobility Group; **Master Sgt. Samer Alkourney** and **Airman 1st Class Matt Hileman** from the 735th Air Mobility Squadron, on winning the fitness portion of the Air Mobility Expeditionary Rodeo at McChord Air Force Base, Wash., recently.

Finally, July 8 we had our second Team Hickam Warrior Run. Wow! An incredible success! We had more than 950 people running the three-mile course and the **15th Medical Group** did an outstanding job at hosting it. I can't wait until Aug. 5 when we will aim for more than 1,000 runners. See you all there.

Have a great weekend and please be safe!



Photo by Mark Bates
Howard Kaululaau, Hickam Fire Department, assists Col. Bill “Goose” Changose, 15th Airlift Wing commander, out of his fire gear after participating in a live-fire exercise Monday.

Reservists play vital role in AF mission

By Chief Master Sgt. Wilson Resurreccion
624th Regional Support Group command chief

With the operations tempo and deployments being at a critically high pace both here and across the Air Force, Reservists with the 624th Regional Support Group are increasingly stepping out of the traditional “one weekend a month, two weeks a year” roles and into more active roles within the total force.

At Hickam, more than 30 Reservists have volunteered to augment security forces troops and to assist with protecting the base and its assets. Also, more than 30 624th RSG Airmen stationed at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam are also on security forces augmentee duty.

When the active-duty force must deploy in support of ongoing military operations,

it is often the home station that is left without a sufficient number of troops, or troops who must work more hours to keep the mission running smoothly.

As members of the total force, the men and women of the Air Force Reserve are willing and ready to volunteer their part may it be small or significant to support any and all missions.

Hickam and Andersen AFB are not the only locations where 624th RSG Reservists are exercising total force. Since the beginning of Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom, more than 200 624th RSG Reservists here and in Guam have been activated, spending upwards of one year away from family and loved ones as part of the total force in helping fight America's war on terrorism.

The situation for Reservists is quite unique in that many have civilian occupations that mirror their military positions

and Air Force specialties. Reserve personnel maintain their roles in the Air Force while balancing their civilian careers as doctors, nurses, civil engineers, firefighters, information technology personnel and much more. Essentially, Reserve Airmen not only bring their military experience to the fight, but also the refined skills obtained in the civilian sector.

Even though Reserve forces here are tasked with the dual role of maintaining their Air Force and civilian jobs, all are proud to serve the U.S. Air Force and our nation in supporting ongoing operations. Whether Reservists volunteer to lend a helping hand here at their home station, or if they are mobilized and deployed, they take great pride in knowing they are an integral part of the mission and understand that as members of the total force we must all make sacrifices to ensure the continued security of our great nation.

Hickam Diamond Tips Flight Caps:

Worn slightly to the wearer's right with the vertical crease of the cap in line with the center of the forehead (not crushed flat), in a straight line with the nose. The cap extends approximately one inch from the eyebrows in the front. If not worn, tuck under the belt on either side, between first and second belt loops and cap will not fold over belt.

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Questions? Contact your First Sergeant



Action Line

The purpose of the Action Line is in its name. It's your direct link to me so we can work as a team to make Hickam a better community.

It also allows you to recognize individuals who go above and beyond in their duties – and we all know there are plenty of those folks here.

All members of Team Hickam are welcome to use the Action Line; however, I urge you to give the normal chain of command the first chance at resolving problems or issues. It's only fair to give our commanders and managers the first opportunity to work issues under their responsibility.

If you have done this and are still not satisfied, give my commander's Action Line a call.

If you would like me to get back to you, leave your name and number, state your issue, tell me who you have talked to and why you were not satisfied with their response. I'll work your issue and respond verbally or in writing.

The Action Line number is 449-2996. Messages may also be sent by e-mail to 15aw.pal@hickam.af.mil.

Speed limit signs

Comment: I would like to know why there are no speed limit signs anywhere in the parking and driving areas of the base exchange? People coming off the street are just whipping

down there. Could you look into that and maybe put up some signs that there is a speed limit in that particular area for walking traffic, especially? Thank you and have a nice day.

Response: Thank you very much for your concern for the safety of the Hickam Community, and also for your recommendation to install speed limit signs in the parking lots of the base exchange. It's a good idea. Speed limit signs will be installed at the entrances to both the base exchange and commissary parking lots indicating the speed limit is 10 miles per hour. The safety of the Hickam Community is one of our top priorities. Thank you again for bringing this to my attention.

Traffic safety

Comment: There is a safety issue that needs to be addressed at the intersection of Challenger Loop and Freedom Avenue. I am a resident of Onizuka Village on Challenger Loop and there have been numerous occasions in the past month where I have almost been hit by a vehicle who has failed to stop at the stop sign at the intersection heading toward Vandenberg Boulevard. Even though there are stop signs and flashing lights, cars do not notice these and just keep driving. These cars are also usually driving above the speed limit as well, which poses another pedestrian issue for

those of us trying to walk to the base exchange and commissary. The only reason I was not hit by these vehicles is because I am aware of the situation and I have to exercise extra caution while driving. I believe that something must be done, either the word “stop” needs to be painted on the ground in front of the stop line, or a stop sign or light would need to be installed at the intersection of Apollo and Freedom Avenues. This way cars would see there is a stop further in advance, or they would be used to a stop at each intersection and not just assume there is no stop sign at the Challenger and Freedom intersection just because there is not one at the Apollo and Freedom intersection going toward Vandenberg.

Response: Thank you for bringing this to my attention. I've had my traffic experts take a look at the intersection and they've determined that while the signage and lighting is adequate, the pavement markings, especially the stop bars, are substantially faded. As a result, I will have the civil engineers re-paint the markings in the intersection. In addition, I will have security forces increase enforcement in this area. However, the painting of the word “stop” on the pavement is not a standard marking and may not be observed by those who are not paying attention. Traffic safety is everyone's responsibility and it's up to us all to ensure that not only the Hickam Community, but everyone transiting Hickam is safe.

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449-0175
Law Enforcement Desk
449-6373
Base Chaplain
449-1754
Military Family Abuse Shelter
533-7125
SARC Hotline
449-7272

Hickam Voices

What does it mean to be a true leader?



To have integrity and quick execution.

2nd Lt. Kyle Slick
15th Civil Engineer Squadron



To have integrity, vision and the ability to listen.

Senior Master Sgt. Ian Castro
Pacific Air Forces



A leader is the type of person that will do what they ask of others. A leader can't be afraid to get in the trenches with their troops and lead by example.

Master Sgt. Kim Lingham
692nd Intelligence Group



To be a good leader takes a lot of energy.

Tech. Sgt. Jason Short
Pacific Air Forces



A good leader must be a good listener.

Staff Sgt. James Garofalo
324th Intelligence Squadron



Hard work and experience are the most important attributes of a leader.

Cadet Ryan Rafter
Air Force Academy



Never tell your Airmen to do something that you would never do. Set a standard for others to follow.

Senior Airman Joh Sabati
15th Security Forces Squadron

Next week's question:

July 22: What is your idea of a hero?

To respond to this question, send an email to hickam.kukini@hickam.af.mil with a response and phone number to contact you.

HOME, From A1

efforts there were very important and you did a magnificent job. Welcome home.” Echoing the welcome home was 15th SFS Commander Maj. Paul Kasuda. “I also want to welcome you home,” said the major. “After this one-of-a-kind mission, you should stand proud of your accomplishments. You were called upon and answered the call of duty.” Then after calling the baker's dozen squad to attention, the SFS commander gave the order, “Mission complete, dismissed!” The high fives, hand shakes and countless “welcome backs” began with the

more than 100 people who gathered in front of the base operations for the event. “This is how we should welcome everyone back,” said Major Kasuda. One family, who flew in from California, was very appreciative of the event put on by the base that welcomed home their hero Airman 1st Class Devin Cotton. “This is such a beautiful occasion and I'm so happy that Devin has returned,” said Viola Potts, Airman Cotton's grandmother. “I visited right before this deployment,” said the Airman's mom, Joyce Jackson. “This is a much better situation to be out

here for.” The proud mom said the two stayed in contact through letters, e-mails and phone calls. “It seemed whenever I really began to miss him, the phone would ring and it would be him. It was hard at times, but our faith sustained us both.” The returning Sky Warrior only had a few words to say. “I'm at a loss for words,” said Airman Cotton. “There is nothing like being home. Now I look forward to some rest, relaxation and to have some time back in California.” The deployment was the first time an Air Force security squadron pulled guard duty at a prison for war detainees.

Returning SFS members

- Staff Sgt. Eric Mundy
- Staff Sgt. David Strohe
- Staff Sgt. Michael Williams
- Senior Airman Daniel McNeill
- Senior Airman Jeffrey Smith
- Senior Airman Terri Taylor
- Senior Airman Shea Thomas
- Airman 1st Class Ryan Bernhard
- Airman 1st Class Scott Cartwright
- Airman 1st Class Devin Cotton
- Airman 1st Class Larissa James
- Airman 1st Class Delonte McKinney
- Airman 1st Class Robert Rodarte



Courtesy photo

Fit to fight

(Left to right) Chief Master Sgt. Bart Richardson and Col. Alan Hunt, 715th Air Mobility Group, and Master Sgt. Samer Alkourney and Airman 1st Class Matt Hileman, 735th Air Mobility Squadron, pose for a photo after winning the fitness portion of the Air Mobility Expeditionary Rodeo 2005 at McChord Air Force Base, Wash.

Importance of history emphasized through extraordinary excavations

By Staff Sgt. Christine Clements
352nd Information Operations Squadron

The Hickam Environmental Restoration office faces many challenges in its efforts to excavate underground storage tanks installed in and around the Battery Closson bunker. “The biggest challenge is the bunker is classified as a historic building and currently houses Air Force assets,” said Brian Whitehouse, remedial project manager. The project involves removing two 350-gallon tanks from inside the bunker and two 4,500-gallon tanks that are buried in soil about 13 feet below ground. “Numerous special precautions must be taken because the bunker holds a special place in history and is officially part of the Honolulu Artillery District, which is a thematic district designed to protect and defend Hawaii's coastline,” said Gary O'Donnell, chief of environmental planning. “The restoration office understands and appreciates Hickam's place in U.S. history and will ensure this piece of history remains exactly as it was over fifty years ago,” said Mr. Whitehouse. “We are taking great care to retain the historical value of the bunker.” This is no small endeavor. “The project began more than a year ago with a historical records review, which



Courtesy photo

Environmental restoration office members work hard at the excavation of a 4,500-gallon tank buried in the soil above Battery Closson.

identified the potential presence of USTs. USTs are any tanks, plus their associated piping, that have at least ten percent of their volume underground. These buried tanks vary in size, and were used to hold fuel or other petroleum products necessary for airfield operations during the World War II era,” said Jocelyn Tamashiro, Air Force Technical Field Oversight manager. “Through visual inspection of the site, the potential for buried USTs in the bunker was affirmed by the presence of vent and fill pipes, which are typically associated with USTs. The final confirmation was obtained by using geophysical technology which utilizes

ground-penetrating radar to expose features otherwise hidden beneath the ground surface.” Confirming the existence of the tanks was just the beginning. “After verifying that USTs were present within and around the bunker, the goal was then to determine whether the tanks still contained fuel, and if so, drain and recover the fuel,” said Ms. Tamashiro. “Currently, we have drained and excavated the tanks. The tanks will be cleaned and recycled, as they are made of valuable steel. It's very commendable that the Air Force is taking a cradle-to-grave

approach and ensuring that the tanks are recycled,” said Mr. Whitehouse. “The soil underneath the tanks will be sampled to determine if it is contaminated with fuel. Any soil that is found to be contaminated will be removed and properly disposed of. If necessary, groundwater samples will also be collected,” said Ms. Tamashiro. “The bottom line is what we're doing out here is significant to the environment. We'll take out the tanks and then refill the area with clean soil, thereby restoring the area to the condition it was in before the tanks were installed,” said Mr. Whitehouse.

YOUTH, From A1

Junior Achievement is a non-profit organization whose mission is to ensure every child in Hawaii has a fundamental understanding of the free enterprise system. Junior Achievement reaches five million students across the country and is present in 116 nations around the world. On Oahu alone, Junior Achievement successfully completed a total of 135 classes reaching 3,375 students.

Equally important for JA, are the human resources that companies and individuals invest in the organization through the involvement of employees as volunteers in the classrooms. The volunteer consultants help deliver the high-quality programs into the classrooms throughout the state, most especially within the public schools. This

year, approximately 500 volunteer consultants participated in the classroom and in after-school programs for Hawaii's youth.

JA volunteers honor their commitment to young people through the Air Force core values. Integrity – The volunteers honor their commitment to young people by demonstrating high ethical standards.

Service Before Self – The volunteers spend many hours of their own time helping students around the island.

Excellence – Through outstanding leadership, performance and innovation, the volunteers enhance Oahu's education program.

One thing is definite; the members who have volunteered in the program

have undoubtedly left a lasting impression on the students and vice versa.

“With aspirations to one day become an elementary teacher, volunteering for JA has afforded me the opportunity to get the first-hand experience of being in front of a class and teaching one of the lesson plans provided by JA,” said Senior Airman Kristoffer Abalos. “It's a win-win situation. This has been a great learning experience for both the students and me.”

The 352nd will continue to work with JA of Hawaii and continue to be outstanding Airmen in the Air Force as well as in the community.

For more information on the Junior Achievement of Hawaii program, visit <http://hawaii.ja.org>.

CADET, From A1

all over the base from the public affairs office and headquarters PACAF to riding with security forces and working with civil engineers. Throughout the day they assist the Airmen and officers they have been assigned to with their respective duties.

This experience hopefully provides these cadets with motivation to continue studying hard and finish strongly at the academy.

“After being stuck in a classroom for so long, it's good that they get some good hands-on experience,” said Captain Dickerson.

In the three weeks the cadets were here, it is safe to say they did learn something valuable.

“The Air Force is a lot more structured than I realized it was,” said Cadet Vasquez. There are various jobs and missions that each unit is assigned to. I was surprised there were so many.”

There was one thing the cadet would change about the program.

“I just think we should all get to ride in an F-15,” he said.

AWARD, From A1

General Begert directed the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, HQ PACAF, as well as his numbered air forces and wing commanders, to educate PACAF Airmen on the importance of legal readiness. Despite commander's calls and efforts from JA, legal readiness remained an issue with deployments or sudden temporary duties, often worsening the situation for Airmen and their families.

"Just as the Air Force has always stressed the need to be physically, mentally, and operationally ready to deploy at a moment's notice, we needed to focus our attention on legal needs that often require us to obtain or update wills, powers of attorney, or sufficient life insurance," Gen. Paul, PACAF commander, Hester said.

In 2003, legal representatives from HQ PACAF, 15th AW, 354th FW, and 154th WG as well as those from HQ PACAF Communications gathered and Team PACAF was born. Its objective was to achieve 100 percent legal readiness among PACAF Airmen, focusing on educating each Airman on legal responsibilities, providing counseling by legal professionals, and offering opportunities to meet with an attorney to establish an estate plan.

Team PACAF developed a two-phased

PACAF Legal Readiness Program, Phase I being web-based and Phase II being individual client counseling. During the first phase, an online tutorial educates Airmen on wills, powers of attorney, living wills, durable powers of attorney and life insurance. The online program determines if an Airman is legally ready or not. If not, he or she moves onto Phase II, one-on-one counseling.

The program was first tested at the 15th AW, 154th WG and 354th FW. It was a hit and officially launched command-wide July 1, 2004, resulting in unprecedented levels of effectiveness, as legal readiness numbers increased across the command.

Today, PACAF is more than 90 percent legally ready, said Sergeant Daniel Kazumura, HQ PACAF JA International and Operational Law noncommissioned officer in charge. This is about a 40 percent jump from just two years ago. There are almost 40,000 users in PACAF, said Sergeant Kazumura, who manages the program for all of the command.

PACAF's leap in readiness is due in large part to representatives from the PACAF Communications System Squadron, who created the computer program.

“I'm very proud of the team here,” said Emilio Javier, PACAF CSS program manager

and software engineer. “I'm very pleased that we can help support the mission in light of people getting deployed ... we saw how important this is to make sure that people need to be prepared just in case.” Mr. Javier and fellow software engineer, Jeff Chong, are the communications leaders who created the web-based program.

“This is evidence of the hard work that was done,” said Master Sgt. Toni Patterson, superintendent, 15th AW Legal Office and one of the three Airmen who accepted the distinguished service award on behalf of Team PACAF with General Hester.

The LAMP award is given to individuals and groups. According to the ABA Standing Committee on LAMP Distinguished Service Award criteria, group awards recognize a superior legal assistance program worthy of emulation by peers, or a major legal assistance innovation, or maintenance of a quality legal assistance program through outstanding effort despite limited resources, or exceptional service to, or in support of, the armed forces legal assistance effort.

Team PACAF was the only military organization to earn an award from the standing committee on LAMP for 2004.

“This is really a recognition of a lot of hard work,” said Col. Eugene Whitaker, HQ

PACAF Staff Judge Advocate. “There are a lot of talented people across PACAF ensuring our Airmen are legally ready to deploy at any time.”

“They are the ones who tell us all how to be legally ready,” General Hester said. “You may be legally ready, but there may be many things you need to update and refresh. Our team here at Hickam has done a marvelous job. What you do to help all of us is very important to our nation.”

Prior to its inception, families were often left in limbo, Sergeant Patterson said. This program is a very critical item; it makes people think about what to do before they leave, whether on deployments or on TDY.

The Legal Readiness Program is an “invaluable tool ... ABA is giving us this award to recognize our proactive stance to deliver legal excellence to our command,” Colonel Whitaker said.

This program is so successful that it may be used online Air Force-wide to become legally ready.

Because of the success PACAF has had, Air Force leadership may decide to bring the program to the rest of the Air Force, Sergeant Kazumura said. He showed the program to the Air Force Legal Services Agency Headquarters, which may try to incorporate it service-wide.

Shoplifting: One cent is too much

By Senior Airman Sarah Kinsman
Kukini Editor

For Kukini readers who read the Crime Scene section each week, it's probably not a surprise to learn shoplifting is a problem on Hickam.

"We average 13 shopliftings a month, 39 per quarter," said Master Sgt. Paul Riffle, 15th Security Forces Squadron Operations superintendent.

While some may say that is not very many compared to off-base facilities, even one shoplifting is too many. The expense of shoplifting is more than just the amount of the item stolen.

Shoplifting "decreases morale and hurts the mission," said Sergeant Riffle. It also "takes patrols off the street that could be on the look out for the proverbial bad guy jumping the fence."

Something people may not know about the effects of shoplifting is it can affect the way people live.

For example, a family member steals a CD from the base exchange. The punishment for this crime is decided by the 15th Mission Support Group commander. The commander suspends the family member's shopping privileges at all Army and Air Force Exchange Service facilities and commissaries and the individual

is barred from base. The barment from base can affect the entire family in that if they live on base, they must move off base.

Family members are not the only people who shoplift. Active-duty members who shoplift can face major consequences. For example, a military member steals a watch, car stereo and sunglasses from an AAFES facility. The member is court martialed and sentenced to BCD and six months in prison.

In the civilian sector shoplifters may not face such severe consequences, but military members and their families are held to a higher standard and should remember shopping on base and using base facilities is a privilege.

"Shoplifting will not be tolerated on Hickam," said Col. Bill "Goose" Changose, 15th Airlift Wing commander. "We as military members and family members should not tolerate this kind of behavior. Military members should understand they will also be held accountable for the actions of their dependents."

The bottom line is people should not shoplift.

"Shoplifting is a synonym for stealing," said Sergeant Riffle. "It is a crime and is punishable under the Uniform Code of Military Justice."



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Leonhard

Shoplifting is a problem on Hickam with an average of 13 shopliftings a month. Team Hickam members are reminded there are severe consequences for shoplifting and sponsors will be held responsible for their dependent's actions.

Crime Scene

- Curfew violation**

Three military family members were detained by security forces for violating the Hickam Curfew Policy.
- Patrol response and child neglect**

An active-duty Air Force member notified security forces about a small child wandering the streets unattended. The child's parents were contacted and charged.
- Shoplifting**

A military family member was detained by Army Air Force Exchange Service store detectives for shoplifting. Value of item: \$37
- Driving under the influence**

An active-duty Army member was stopped for erratic driving and excessive honking of his vehicle's horn. Patrolmen informed the subject of the implied consent policy and the subject refused to comply. The subject's driving privileges were revoked.
- Damage to government property**

An entry controller notified security forces about his gate being damaged by a contracted vehicle upon entry. Estimated damage: \$250.
- Shoplifting**

A military family member was detained by AAFES store detectives for shoplifting. Value of item: \$29



Editor's Note: To read the complete stories and find more Air Force News, go to www.af.mil.

June recruiting, retention stats up for Air Force

WASHINGTON (AFP) – Recruiting and retention rates were up in June for all services in both the active and reserve components, Defense Department officials announced July 11.

The Air Force exceeded its June goal, recruiting more than 2,400 Airmen, defense officials said.

In addition, all services met or exceeded their overall active-duty retention goals for June.

The Air National Guard reported retention rates that exceeded its June goal -- 110 percent.

June statistics for reserve forces attrition are not yet available, but officials said the lower-than-projected losses that occurred in May were expected to continue into June.

Force Shaping Phase II evolves for fiscal 2006

WASHINGTON – The Air Force achieved its congressionally mandated active-duty end strength of 359,700 Airmen for fiscal 2005. The Air Force had exceeded that ceiling until now.

Force Shaping Phase II initiatives successfully reduced the overall size of the force;



Photo by Army Master Sgt. Lek Mateo

More than man's best friend

SOUTHERN IRAQ – Doran, a 4-year-old explosive patrol dog, searches the back of a civilian vehicle at a remote location as his handler, Staff Sgt. Gregory Long, directs him to potential hiding spots. They are assigned to the 407th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron at Ali Base.

however, the Air Force still has more officers than authorized and Phase II will continue into the next fiscal year, beginning Oct. 1.

"We will now limit voluntary separation opportunities for active-duty enlisted Airmen, while maintaining voluntary programs for officers," said Brig. Gen. Glenn Spears, force management policy director on the director of personnel staff at the Pentagon.

"We met our goals to balance and reduce excesses in our enlisted force, and we must continue to focus on

shaping the officer force in size and skills," he said.

Two force-shaping initiatives for the enlisted force will be retained: the "Blue to Green" option and the career job reservation program.

"Airmen who do not wish to obtain a CJR or do not want to retrain may apply to transfer to the Air Force Reserve or Air National Guard via Palace Chase, transfer to the Army via the Blue to Green program, apply for opportunities in civil service or separate upon fulfillment of their enlistment," General Spears said.

For Air Force officers, force-shaping opportunities are still available and will continue until the Air Force meets its end strength numbers for 2006. *(Story by Master Sgt. Mitch Gettle, Air Force Print News)*

Officials complete investigation into death

U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. (AFP) – Air Force officials have completed their investigation into the death of

Cadet 4th Class Edward Schmeltz earlier this year.

Cadet Schmeltz collapsed Jan. 31, following a 600-yard run as part of a physical fitness test, and could not be resuscitated. He received immediate medical treatment on the scene from academy employees who initiated CPR and used an automatic external defibrillator.

An ambulance team continued resuscitation efforts during transport to the academy hospital where he received further treatment from hospital emergency staff. Despite their

efforts, he died at the medical facility.

The cause of death was natural, resulting from a fatal cardiac arrhythmia from pre-existing structural abnormalities of the arteries of the heart, which resulted in sudden cardiovascular collapse following strenuous exercise.

Military working dogs: More than man's best friend

ALI BASE, Iraq (AFP) – Dogs are known as man's best friend, but to Airmen and Soldiers here, military working dogs are considered a four-legged partner in the war against terrorism.

Security forces Airmen and Soldiers, along with their military working dogs, have partnered together to provide force protection on this sprawling air base that is home to thousands of coalition service members and civilians.

In the eyes of the Air Force, the dogs are considered valuable property, like an F-16 Fighting Falcon, said Tech. Sgt. Terri Frye, 407th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron's kennel master who is deployed from Hurlburt Field, Fla. But to her and many of the handlers she works with, their dogs are much more than that. Although the handlers understand that the dogs are Air Force property, they cannot help but become attached to their dogs after years of working with them side by side, she said. *(Story by Army Master Sgt. Lek Mateo, 56th Brigade Combat Team Public Affairs)*

Family Support Center offers classes in August

To register for any of the below classes, contact the family support center at 449-0300.

Family readiness briefing – Aug. 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 from 1 to 2 p.m. All active duty, civilian, and family members facing the possibility of a deployment or remote assignment are encouraged to attend.

Money management – Aug. 2 and 16 from 1 to 3 p.m. This “hands-on” class focuses on hot money issues such as budgeting and debt management principles and applications.

Sponsorship training – Aug. 4 from 9 to 10:30 a.m.

As the unit's ambassador, sponsor's can make a person's relocation to Hawaii a very positive experience. Let the family support center staff help by offering a one-stop shop of the necessary tools and resources needed to be a successful sponsor.

Transition assistance program 3 1/2-day workshop – Aug. 9 to 11 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Aug. 12 from 8 a.m. to noon. Join the FSC staff for a smooth and successful move to a second career or to retirement. Instructors from various agencies will provide information and training on the job search and other critical elements of the transition process.



Volunteer orientation – Aug. 11 and 25 from 10:30 to 11 a.m. at the American Red Cross, Pearl Harbor, building 1514. Learn about the many volunteer opportunities within the 15th Airlift Wing, Pacific Air Forces or tenant agencies. Interested individuals can register through the American Red Cross at 449-0166.

Redeployment briefing – Aug. 12 and 26 from 2 to 4:30 p.m. People who recently returned from a contingency or deployment of 30 days or more should plan to attend this briefing. The Hickam Community Action Team will provide essential briefings and literature to returning members.

Looking for employment in Hawaii – Aug. 16 and 30 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Explore local employment trends, be informed on employment and education resources, register to use the Joint Employment Management System computerized job bank, and learn how to maximize a

job search via the Internet.

Hickam play group – Tuesday to Friday sessions, Aug. 23 to 31 from 9 to 11 a.m. at the youth center skating rink. Parents and children ages 0 to 5 are invited to join the FSC's early childhood specialist for age-appropriate educational and recreational activities. No registration is required.

Interviewing with confidence – Aug. 23 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Experts agree the most critical part of the hiring process is the interview. Learn the skills and techniques to turn an interview into a positive experience. Learn various

techniques to negotiate the best salary and benefits package.

Federal food distribution – Aug. 24 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the FSC lanai. Commodity foods are made available by the US Department of Agriculture to supplement the diets of income-eligible individuals. People must bring a copy of their current LES and ID card.

Smooth move – Aug. 25 from 9 to 11 a.m. Being prepared makes relocation less stressful. Subject matter experts will update attendees on the latest policy changes that may impact their move.

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COLA Survey – All military, Coast Guard, U.S. Public Health Service and N.O.A.A uniform service personnel stationed in the state of Hawaii are encouraged to complete a military Cost of Living Allowance survey sponsored by U.S. Pacific Command during the months of August and September.

The Office of the Secretary of Defense requires HQ USPACOM to conduct the survey once every three years to adjust COLA rates for Hawaii uniform service personnel. Service members will have the opportunity to complete the survey over the Internet. Accuracy in completing the survey is critical to the COLA determination process.

The living pattern survey is available online from Aug. 1 through September at <http://www.perdiem.osd.mil/oscola/lps/hawaii>.

For more information contact Eddie Fowler at 477-1396 or email: eddie.fowler@pacom.mil.

MPF shortages – Due to increased mission requirements, including Security Forces augmentation and mandatory personnel contingency training, the military personnel flight will be operating at minimum manning levels for the month of July. Expect delays in service. Additionally, customers requiring ID cards will

be prioritized in the following order:

1. AF Active Duty
2. AF Civil Service
3. AF Contractors
4. AF Dependents/Retirees
5. AFR/ANG
6. AD mbrs from other services stationed at Hickam
7. All others

There are additional sites where ID cards can be obtained on island. Military members and their family members in need of ID card services may contact one of the following issuing facilities located on island: 154th Wing Hawaii ANG 448-7434; 9th Regional Support Command,

Honolulu 438-1600; Ft. Shafter 438-1757; Camp Smith 477-8376; MCB Hawaii (Kaneohe Bay) 257-8861; NCTAMS Pacific, Wahiawa 653-0053; Schofield Barracks 655-3335; Pearl Harbor 471-2405; Pearl Harbor 474-9140; Schofield Barracks 655-4104; Ft. Shafter 433-9166; USCG ISC Honolulu 541-3202.

Chief's Group – The Chief's Group of Hawaii monthly meeting is scheduled for July 29 at 7:30 a.m. at the Tradewinds Enlisted Club Ballroom. For more information, contact Chief Master Sgt. Paul Lewis at 449-4516 or Chief Master Sgt. Edy Agee at 449-7776.

Dorm managers wanted – Hickam is looking for highly motivated NCOs in the grade of staff sergeant or above who are interested in being considered for dorm manager positions at Hickam. Applicants must have or be able to acquire two years retainability to apply. The positions are both challenging and rewarding. Leadership is a must, since these positions are in day-to-day contact with the Airmen assigned to the dorms. Packages should include the individual's last five performance reports, three letters of recommendation and a resume. For more information contact Dot Canfield at 448-2007.